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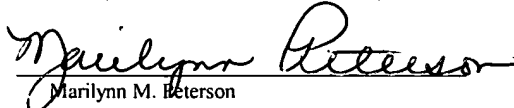
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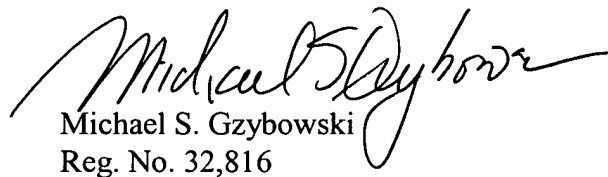
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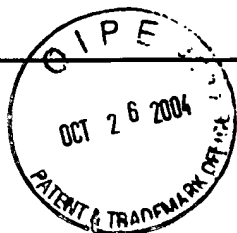
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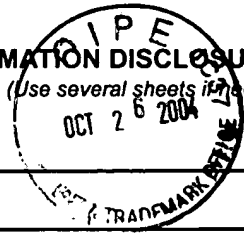
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

		6	PATENT ABSTRACTS OF JAPAN VOL. 0142, NO. 61 (C-0725), 6 JUNE 1990 (1990-06-06) & JP 2 074254 A (UNI-CHARM CORP), 14 MARCH 1990 (1990-03-14)

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